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SUBJECT: TENNECO SIGNS LETTER OF INTENT FOR BILLION DOLLAR

AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

1. SUDANESE AND TENNECO OFFICIALS HAVE ANNOUNCED SIGNING OF LETTER OF INTENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF 775,000 ACRES IN DONGOLA AREA OF NORTHERN SUDAN. AREA WILL BE DEVELOPED OVER FIFTEEN YEARS AND PRELIMINARY EXPENDITURE ESTIMATES ARE APPROXIMATELY ONE BILLION U.S. DOLLARS.

2. FIRST STAGE OF PROJECT WILL BE MASTER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF PILOT FARMING OPERATION ON APPROXIMATELY 3,000 ACRES. IF DEVELOPMENT APPEARS FEASIBLE, NEXT STAGE WILL BE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF 260,000 ACRES ALONG EAST BANK OF NILE NEAR DONGOLA.

3. AT THIS POINT, THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT TENNECO PLANS TO HOLD SIGNIFICANT EQUITY IN THIS PROJECT. SUDANESE CORPORATION WILL BE ESTABLISHED TO OPERATE PROJECT WHICH WOULD EMPLOY TENNECO TO MANAGE, IMPLEMENT, AND OPERATE IT.

4. SINCE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S VISIT TO THE U.S. IN JUNE 1976,

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THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL TENNECO STUDIES OF SUDAN'S POTENTIAL IN PETROLEUM, MINERALS, AND AGRICULTURE. TENNECO'S CHIEF CORPORATE PLANNING OFFICER VISITED SUDAN IN MARCH.5 -5 5#-5 58.3, HE TOLD ECONOFF THAT TENNECO CONSIDERED AGRICULTURE TO BE OF GREATEST PROMISE AND THAT TENNECO WOULD CONCENTRATE ON AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT.
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